

**Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, September 23, 1839, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson.  
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Hermitage, September 23, 1839.

My dear sir, Your letter of the 28th of august with its inclosure, from the White Sulpher Springs came duly to hand, and would have been attended to much sooner but ill health and much company has prevented me untill now. We all rejoice at the restored health of your amiable daughter and hope it is permanently restored. The disappointment in not having the pleasure of your company at the Hermitage is compensated by the restored health of your dear daughter, and we still hope if I live, to have the pleasure of seeing you and your dear family at the Hermitage next year. be pleased to present our kind regards to Mrs. B. your daughter and family.

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I have read the interview between our Minister and Santana with some interest and have no doubt but he must possess some gratitude for the hospitality and kindness with which he was treated. But I see he is now returned to private life, he cannot remain long quiet there. I have read your postscript, and for the benefit of my friend Mr. Randolph Harrison say to him, that After five years labouring under that direfull disease, and trying every remedy prescribed by the most eminent physicians, burnt brandy was recommended by Doctor Flood. I applied this remedy which effected a perfect cure in about three months. The Brandy is prepared thus. Warm the Brandy in a cup, set it on fire, then placing as much loaf sugar as will sweeten it upon a fork, hold the sugar in the blaze of the Brandy

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untill it is dissolved, let the brandy continue to burn as long as it will. Take a wine Glass of this in the morning and another when going to bed, and a little brandy toddy in the middle of the day if Col. Harrison chooses—his diet rice and milk, coffee, and any other food easy of digestion—this cured me, and he must recollect the old adage, “that if burned brandy wont save him nothing can.” This I have no doubt will cure him.

You will see from the public journals that the opposition under the direction of Bell White and Co. are endeavouring to induce those at a distance to believe that the Whiggs have great strength in Tennessee still. This is merely to give Bell strength abroad and to enable him thereby to reach the Speakers chair. If he cannot thus delude the people he has no Capital to bring into the concern and the opposition will discard him. Rest assured Bell, White and Co. are politically dead in Tennessee and surely our friends in congress, will not permit Bell to be elected even if they are not able to elect a republican, surely they will unite upon any other in preference to Bell.

The Independant Treasury is gaining strength every day. The people will never stop untill the Government is divorced from all banks and the revenue receved in specie and disbursments in coin. Assure all my friends of this, that no bill will be satisfactory but this, as none other can regulate the Banks and the Currency but this or put a stop to over trading, mark this, and I hope mr. Van Buren will strongly recommend it in his message. Whilst England is draining us of our specie, to pay for the excess of debt for her importations,?dare any american in congress stand up and oppose the levying of our duties on these importations in specie? the man that does, will be hurled from the confidence of the people.

I have been prevented from attending the large dinners offered Col. Polk as a triumph of Democracy over the opposition and all their combined mony power and paper system so corrupting to the morals of the people. Tennessee is again safe in the republican fold.

Write me your opinion who will be Speaker and the strength of parties in congress.

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I remain yr. friend